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USUN FOR LOS DELEGATION

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1. ON MAY 25 EMBASSY OFFICER DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL BARREIRO MARTINS. MARTINS SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT AND UNDERSTOOD U.S. POSITION. DURING CONVERSATION MARTINS RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM HEAD OF GOP LOS DELEGATION, MARIO RUIVO. MARTINS RELATED SUBSTANCE OF U.S. DEMARCHE AND ARRANGED TO SEND RUIVO A COPY OF EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH RUIVO ON MAY 27. RUIVO SAID HE WAS COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE AND, IN FACT, HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IN GENEVA. IN ADDITION, HE HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN AN ARTICLE
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FOR THE UNESCO COURIER ON THIS VERY SUBJECT.
RUIVO EXPRESSED A "PROFOUND COMPREHENSION" OF OUR CONCERNS. AS A SCIENTIST HIMSELF, HE UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTRIBUTES TO SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION.

3. IN RUIVO'S VIEW, EXISTING EXTREME POLARIZATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND NONDEVELOPED COUNTRIES REQUIRES A MAJOR

COMPROMISE. THE LOS CONFERENCE, HE STATED, WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW THE CONCEPT THAT IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC CASES CONSENT WILL BE REQUIRED, BUT THAT THE NEED FOR CONSENT MUST BE QUALIFIED WHEN THE INTENDED RESEARCH IS OF INTEREST TO ALL HUMANITY. GOP DELEGATION WILL OPERATE ON THE PROPOSITION THAT A LOT OF "COSMETIC WORK" WILL BE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE AT A FORMULA WHICH WILL OVERCOME EMOTIONAL ISSUES AND THE OBJECTIONS OF "CHAUVINISTIC" COASTAL STATES.

4. RUIVO BELIEVES THAT REGIONAL AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN THE FISHERIES AND MARITIME SPHERE WILL HAVE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ROLE IN A SOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. HE FEELS THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO ARRIVE A TEQUITABLE SOLUTIONS - FOR BOTH GENERAL AND SPECIFIC RESEARCH REQUESTS - WILL BE EASED BY CHANNELING THEM THROUGH SUCH COMMISSIONS. THE FORMULA WHICH HE FORESEES WOULD ALLOW A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC RESEARCH OPERATION TO BE MADE TO SUCH A COMMISSION. IF THE COMMISSION ENDORSES THE PROJECT, THE REQUESTING PARTY WOULD NEED ONLY TO NOTIFY THE COASTAL STATE INVOLVED.

5. RUIVO ENDED BY NOTING THAT PORTUGAL WAS OFFERING ITS GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE A DIALOGUE. HE STATED THAT PORTUGAL WAS IN AN IDEAL POSITION TO RENDER SUCH A SERVICE BECAUSE IT HAS TIES WITH THE EC AND THE U.S., AS WELL AS WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND THE THIRD WORLD. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE US TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AFTER RUIVO'S MAY 29 ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK.

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6. COMMENT: RUIVO COULD BE SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE TO HELP BRING ABOUT A COMPROMISE AT CURRENT LOS MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH HE IS ALLIED TO THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY, HE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN OBJECTIVITY IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. BECAUSE OF HIS CAPABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, THE GOP HAS KEPT HIM ON AS ITS PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS. IT HAS, HOWEVER, TAKEN AWAY HIS PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

7. SUGGEST U.S. LOS DELEGATION MAKE ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED PARA 5 DIRECTLY WITH ITS PORTUGUESE COUNTERPART.

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